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Addendum

Proposed strategic framework for the period 2010-2011

(Item 3 (b))

Programme 2

Political affairs

1. At its 8th meeting, on 16 June 2008, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 2, Political affairs, of the proposed biennial programme plan (A/63/6 (Prog. 2)).
2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Appreciation and support were expressed for the programme.
4. Clarification was sought about the formulation of certain aspects of the overall orientation of the programme; about some expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement under subprogrammes 1 and 5; about the availability of the online *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council* in other languages; and about obstacles in implementing subprogramme 4.
5. Views were expressed that some of the objectives, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement needed further improvement and refinement.
6. Reference was made to the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services contained in its report on the in-depth evaluation of political affairs: electoral assistance (E/AC.51/2007/2/Add.1) regarding the creation of an



electronic roster of experts under subprogramme 2. Clarification was sought regarding the measures taken to address the gender and geographical representation of the experts on the roster.

7. A view was expressed that subprogrammes 4, 5 and 8 could not be supported. A view was also expressed that actual achievements in target countries should be included in the biennial programme plan for subprogramme 7.

Conclusions and recommendations

8. The Committee stressed the importance of the Department of Political Affairs working in an integrated and coordinated way with all relevant departments.

9. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 2, Political affairs, of the proposed biennial programme plan, subject to the following modifications:

Overall orientation

Paragraph 2.4

In the first sentence, replace the words "the international community for preventive diplomacy" with "Member States for conflict prevention" and delete "to prevent disputes from escalating into conflicts".

Subprogramme 1

Prevention, control and resolution of conflicts

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Merge expected accomplishments (a) and (b) to read: "(a) Improved capacity and capability of Member States to identify, prevent and address conflict situations".

Redesignate expected accomplishment (c) to (b) and replace the words "peace process" with "peace processes".

Indicators of achievement

Redesignate indicator of achievement (a) to (a) (i).

Redesignate indicator of achievement (b) to (a) (ii) and, at the end of the indicator, insert the words "where the United Nations was asked to assist".

Redesignate indicators of achievement (c) (i) and (c) (ii) to (b) (i) and (b) (ii).

Strategy

Paragraph 2.9

Under (a), delete the words "new and potential".

Under (i), replace the words "preventative diplomacy" with "crisis prevention" and, after the word "security", add "military,".

Subprogramme 6
Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for the
Middle East Peace Process

Indicators of achievement

At the end of indicator (a), add the words "with the support of the United Nations".

Subprogramme 7
Peacebuilding Support Office

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Add a new expected accomplishment (c) to read "Interventions of direct and immediate impact as well as emergency disbursements made".

Redesignate the existing expected accomplishment (c) to (d).

Indicators of achievement

Add a new indicator (a) (iii) to read: "Number of background reports for the field visits provided on a timely basis by the Peacebuilding Support Office".

Add a new indicator of achievement (b) (iii) to read: "Activities of the Peacebuilding Fund are in line with the priorities identified by the Peacebuilding Commission".

Add a new indicator of achievement (c) to read: "Interventions of direct and immediate impact as well as emergency disbursements made on a timely basis, where applicable".

Redesignate the existing indicators of achievement (c) (i) and (c) (ii) to (d) (i) and (d) (ii), respectively.